

THE GAZETTE.

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 7, 1859.

"RICHMOND NOTES."

Mr Henry R. Tracy, of the Boston Herald, who accompanied the De Molays on their late visit to Richmond published the following article under the above head in the "Herald" of Friday last:

"The late visit of the Knights Templar of Boston and Providence to Richmond has been productive of much information in regard to the last named city, to the visiting strangers. The beauty of the locality and surrounding scenery filled every one with admiration. When art has made all the improvements desirable upon nature in the city and suburbs, it will be one of the most beautiful towns in the world. Shockoe Hill abounds in beautiful residences, the shades of men of wealth and refinement, surrounded with flowers, shrubbery and trees, and adorned with every thing necessary to render them delightful homes. The air of Richmond is eminently salubrious and healthy. During the epidemic at Norfolk, not a case of yellow fever existed in Richmond, except those brought from the former place, among which were several physicians who had gone down there and devoted their lives, heroically, to the cause of humanity in the infected district. There is hardly a healthier town in the States than is Richmond.

It is a very orderly city. With a population of forty thousand, twelve thousand of whom are slaves and twenty-five hundred are free negroes, they have only four day policemen and twenty-four night watchmen. During our visit, we saw no bawling or drunkenness. Everybody seems to attend with his own affairs most religiously, and we learned that large fortunes are fattened upon the slave. The slaves seem to be content with their lot, and we saw no signs of discontent. As it is a part of the business of the citizens to entertain strangers within their gates, we found some of them forsaking their ordinary avocations to minister to the comfort of their eastern friends and vindicate the fame of Virginia for her hospitality. But no man there interferences with his neighbor.

The slaves seemed to be the freest laboring population one can find anywhere. Slavery in general, Richmond is a "Virginia abstraction." Practically the slaves are free. In the great tobacco manufactories, where hundreds are employed, we were surprised by the alacrity, energy and skill of their manipulations of the fragrant weed. Standing at the rows of benches, or along the ranges of iron presses their fingers flew with lightning rapidity, and occasionally they broke out in a song and chorus which was good to hear. These hands choose their own boarding places, their own clothes and food, and are paid for by the master, and for all their labor receive the daily allotted task. Their own earnings amount to from fifty cents to a dollar per day, each; and as they have no future wants to provide for, the money is usually spent in ornaments or luxuries each week during Saturday night and Sunday.

On the Sabbath they gather a congregation of four thousand in the large African church, where they appear in fine clothes and listen to the stated preaching of the gospel. The singing by a numerous native choir at the African church, is one of the things that the Richmonders boast of. The negroes regard their religion as a sacred thing, and would not be lapsed from it on the Sabbath. The principal operator in the delivery department of one of the leading journals in Richmond is a slave, owned by the proprietor of the paper, who only requires him to perform that service each morning. He is a very intelligent fellow, and we found he had invented a new method of mailing papers which is a decided improvement. This slave earns a good deal of money for himself, as he is a famous knight of the tiddy stick and is to be seen daily in the bar of the Ballard House, concocting mint-juleps for the thirsty.

"Cesar" has conquered the "white" with his jugs as did over this Roman nameless with war-like weapons. The horse is deemed in Virginia too noble an animal to be driven by negroes, in teams and drays, and mules are almost universally used for hard work. The truth is that the negro is too tyrannical, too cruel an oppressor to anything placed in his power to be entrusted with a horse team. The mules are tough and can bear beating, and therefore all the teaming in Richmond is done with mules. The huge tobacco headstalls are drawn from the country to the warehouses by teams of four mules each, and a negro driver mounted on the near wheel. The black postillion glories in the possession of a large whip, which cracks loud and cuts deep, and he probably imagines that he is avenging himself for all the "thirty lashes save nine" which his own race have received, by giving his mules occasionally a beating of "long oats." Both the negroes and the mules appear to work patiently and industriously, and the former are certainly a happy class in Richmond.

WHY DON'T YOU LEARN A TRADE.

This question was propounded in our hearing a few days since, to a young man who had been for several months unsuccessfully seeking employment as a clerk or salesman, in some of our leading houses. Complaining of his ill luck, one of the friends who knew he had a mechanical talent, but doubted whether he could make himself useful either as a clerk or salesman, put the interrogatory to him which we have placed at the head of this article. The reply was—not so respectable as a mercantile occupation!! Under this delusive idea, our stores are crowded with young men who have no capacity for the business, and who, because of the fancied respectability of doing nothing, waste away their minority upon salaries which cannot possibly liquidate their expenses when they discover their error, and before they reach the age of thirty, many of them look with envy upon the thrifty mechanic, whom in the days of their boyhood, they were accustomed to deride. The false respectability which prevails in the dissipated fashionable society of the present day, has ruined thousands of young men, and will ruin thousands more.

FISH! FISH!!

400 bbls.

PRIME

EASTERN HERRING.

Just received and now Landing.

ALSO, A GOOD SUPPLY OF PRIME

ST. JOHN'S ALEWIVES.

Now in store, and for sale by

M. ELDRIDGE,

UNION WHARF.

JUST RECEIVED—

40 boxes Oranges and 40 do. Lemons

20 small draught Eggs, for Family use

Also, a few fine Singing CANTARIES. Also,

a fine assortment of Japan Cages, which I offer

for sale at low as any other establishment in this

city. Country Merchants will do well to call upon

me before buying. C. SCHAFER, Confectioner.

No. 21 No. 3 North Fairfax st., Alex. Va.

SUMMER AND WAGGERS WANTED.—The subscribers

wish to purchase the above articles in

any quantity, for which he is prepared to pay the

highest market prices in cash, at all times.

J. E. McRAE.

BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

NEW BOOKS.—The Master, or Love and Liberty, by B. N. Presbury, price \$1.25. *Manly, by the author of "Salad for the Soul," &c.* We have been a great deal of languages, and have stolen all the scraps. Price \$1.25.

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SOMBRERO GUANO.

In calling the attention of the public to this valuable article, recently discovered deposit of this fertilizing article, we will merely state, that like all other phosphate GUANOS, its most valuable constituent is phosphoric acid, or bone phosphate of lime; and that its mercurial value, as compared with other GUANOS of its kind, may be easily determined by the amount of phosphoric acid or bone phosphate of lime it contains. In order, therefore, to give the public a thorough knowledge of what SOMBRERO GUANO does contain, we beg to refer to the following list of eminent chemists in different parts of the world, who have analyzed different cargoes, from average samples taken by themselves from the cargoes just as they arrive from the island, without drying or selection of specimens for analysis. Each analysis will be exhibited, if required, under the original signature of each chemist named:

Of phosphoric acid, estimated as equivalent to phosphate of lime, it is found to contain—

By Prof. Morit, of New York, per cent, 79.74

" Pigott, Baltimore, " 79.31

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